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Medical Institutions - Rural dispensaries - Medical Practitioners - Refresher Course - Proposal - Deferred.

R.No. 31497-H.

Office of the Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras, Madras 6, Dated 14th June 1947.

From

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Surgeon General with the Government of Madras, Madras-6.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: Rural Medical Relief Scheme - Its defects at present - petition from Sri K.A. Satynarayana.
Ref: Government endorsement No.31040-G2/47-1 P.H., dated 1st May 1947.

I offer the following remarks:-

Under the existing orders, transfers of Rural Medical Practitioners from one dispensary to another are not contemplated and the object of the Rural Medical Relief Scheme will be defeated if such transfers are effected. The position of the Rural Medical Practitioner will be the same wherever he is posted and transfer of the Rural Medical Practitioner from one dispensary to another will not improve in any way and solve the problem.

2. The Rural Medical Practitioners should not enter into party politics and the public have not understood the object of the scheme; they seen to think that the Rural Medical Practitioners are found to treat freely even with their personal drugs and outfits. They are entitled to private practice and charge fees for well-to-do persons.

3. The remarks are vague; specific instances when brought to notice, will be dealt with, and penal clauses of the agreement will be enforced the Medical Practitioners besides the medicines supplied by the Medical Stores Depot for the treatment of necessitous poor, may have their own private drugs and outfits purchased and stocked by them, if necessary, for treatment of their private cases and charge fees for the same.

4. The statement that the practitioners are fudging the registers appear to be sweeping and cannot be accepted. If during the surprise inspection of a rural dispensary by the District Medical Officer, the attendance is found very low or the figure is fudged, the District Medical Officer can sit at the dispensary for one full morning, watch the actual attendance of that dispensary and come to a decision in the matter. The Rural Medical Practitioners are bound by agreement entered into and if they fail to fulfil the conditions, the penal clauses can be enforced and the offenders dealt with suitably, even to the extent of terminating their services.

5. In this connection it is suggested that the Rural Medical Practitioners may be deputed for a refresher course of two or three months in a District Headquarters Hospital to know and get themselves equipped with the latest methods of treatment etc. The course may consist of clinical knowledge in the diagnosis of cases (Medical surgical and gynaecological). During the period of refresher course they may be paid the usual subsidy and the dispensaries may be kept vacant for the time being. This will not involve any additional expenditure to Government. I think it is most important to organise refresher courses for the rural medical practitioners and this should be done as early as possible.

Your obedient servant,
Sd. x x x
For Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras.

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Education and Public Health Department.

G. O. MS. NO. 511. Dated 17th February 1949.
Read the following:

From the Surgeon-General, No. R. 31497-H, dated 14-6-47.

ORDER:

The attention of the Surgeon General is invited to the orders in G.O.No. 4407,.Public Health, dated 29-12-48, approving his proposals for the starting of refresher courses at the Medical Colleges at Madras and Vizagapatam for all Government LF & ML, Medical Officers and private and rural medical practitioners. He is informed that in view of the death of medical practitioners for rural dispensaries, the Government have decided that the proposals contained in the last para of ~~the~~ his letter read above for the institution of a refresher course for the rural medical practitioners in District Headquarters Hospitals which may involve administrative difficulty, should be deferred for the present.

/BY ORDER OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR/

Sd. x x x
Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon General.

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Superintendent,

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